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SUBJECT: CARRIER TASK FORCE OPERATIONS IN EASTERN
MEDITERRANEAN

1. DOD HAS REQUESTED STATE CONCURRENCE IN RESCINDING
RESTRICTIONS ON AIRCRAFT CARRIER OPERATIONS IN EASTERN
MEDITERRANEAN AND RETURNING TO PRE-OCTOBER 1973 SAILING
INSTRUCTIONS.

2. PROHIBITED AREA CORRESPONDS TO ZONES UNILATERALLY DE-
CLARED OFF LIMITS TO FOREIGN NAVAL MOVEMENTS BY GOE AND
SARG DURING OCTOBER WAR. TOGETHER, ZONES APPROXIMATELY
COVER AREA EAST OF A LINE DRAWN THROUGH FAMAGUSTA TO

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TURKISH COAST AND SOUTH TO POINT WEST OF LEBANESE-ISRAELI

BORDER. FROM THAT POINT ZONE CONTINUES WEST TO POINT
NORTH OF ALEXANDRIA.

3. WE HAVE NEVER ACKNOWLEDGED ZONES AND TO OUR KNOWLEDGE
NEITHER GOE NOR SARG HAS REFERRED TO THEM SINCE ORIGINAL
DECLARATIONS. OTHER US NAVAL VESSELS ARE OPERATING
ROUTINELY WITHIN AREA WITHOUT PROBLEM.

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4. DO YOU BELIEVE WE SHOULD INFORM EITHER OR BOTH GOVERN-
MENTS BEFORE RESUMING OPERATIONS? DO YOU BELIEVE CURRENT
POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT REQUIRES ANY CHANGE IN PRE-OCTOBER
GUIDELINES FOR PLANNING AND CARRYING OUT ROUTINE OPERATIONS
IN AREA? WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS. KISSINGER

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